

I travel extensively and satellite radio is the only radio available in much of the mountain and sparsely populated areas. It is needed and dependable. The weather information is extremely necessary for the safety and well being of everyone using the service. Travelers never know what area information they are getting on regular radio. Satellite radio provides excellent and necessary current weather activity and information to the public so they can know what they can expect. It is done in a regular, constant, and usable manner. The trucking industry uses this information and it is a great safety feature. Don't stifle progress. Satellite radio is complimentary to regular AM and FM. Neither can supply the the total needs of the public and neither will hurt the other. For the well being of everyone, reject the NAB's petition 04-160.